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The appeal brief submitted on 4/10/07 has been received and appears to be compliant. The previously submitted appeal brief was found defective for reasons that did not touch on the merits of the arguments and the prior art, and applicant has already filed a reply brief, so the issuance of a new examiner's answer is not deemed necessary.

The reply brief filed 4/30/07 is noted.

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